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ANNUAL REPORT  
for the  
Town  
of  
BRIDGEWATER  
New Hampshire



For the Fiscal Year Ending  
December 31, 2002



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TOWN OFFICERS

March Town Meeting

*Town Clerk*

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Christi Gleeson | 2002 |
|-----------------|------|

*Selectmen*

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Maurice Jenness | 2005 |
| Terence Murphy  | 2003 |
| Henry Woolner   | 2004 |

*Treasurer*

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Marilyn Raymond | 2003 |
|-----------------|------|

*Trustees of Trust Funds*

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| Vacant | 2002 |
| Vacant | 2003 |
| Vacant | 2004 |

*Supervisors of Checklists*

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Alfred Nickerson  | 2004 |
| Marjory Nickerson | 2006 |
| Joseph Allison    | 2006 |

*Moderator*

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Andrew Denton | 2005 |
|---------------|------|

*Library Trustees*

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Nancy Gray     | 2005 |
| Catherine Drew | 2003 |
| Pauline Havens | 2004 |

APPOINTMENTS

*Deputy Town Clerk*

Cathy Lyford 2004

*Tax Collector*

Kathy Vestal 2006  
Rachel Spencer, Deputy 2004

*Forest Fire Warden*  
Lawrence Gilpatric

*Deputy Fire Wardens*

Dana Davis Arnold Cate

*Planning Board*

Michael Capsalis, Chair George Blaisdell  
Christopher Mylonas Angie Maxner  
Gene Bank  
Hank Woolner, Ex. Off.

Alternates: Gail Campbell Terence Murphy Alt. Ex. Off  
Robert Williams

*Zoning Board of Adjustment*

William Weir Stephen Williams, Chair  
E. Wayne Thompson Janet Woolner  
Gerard Godville

*Conservation Committee*

Joseph Allison, Chair Nancy Gray  
Emily Crane - Pemi River Council Rep. Robert Tucker  
Alternates: Judy Faran William Weir

*School Board Member* Heather Huckins 2004

*School Board Budget Committee* Linda Milito 2004

*Road Agent* Lawrence Gilpatric

*Chief of Police* Don Nason

*Fire Chief* Andrew Denton

*Building Inspector* Don Nason

*Town Forester* George Frame

SELECTMEN'S REPORT  
2002

The town finances at the end of the year are in excellent shape and ended "in the black". The tax rate has dropped to the second lowest rate in the State of New Hampshire. We have included in this town report a list of tax rates from all incorporated municipalities for your review. The town-wide reassessment and updating the town's assessing systems was completed. Given the nature of the assessing process, it ended positively. We recognize the concerns of the waterfront, view and commercial property owners with respect to their high assessed values. With the recent boom in real estate values, there is not much we can do. Some feel that those types of properties are unfairly targeted. The reality is, we are obligated to assess all properties at full market value. All property assessments must be within 10% of full market value. The state property tax and assessing standards from the Department of Revenue are requiring all towns to meet more stringent assessing methods. It is unlikely that the state property tax will change over the next few years. We spend considerable time in Concord lobbying on your behalf to rid the state of the unfair state property tax. Under the new state assessing rules, all towns will have to reassess every 5 years and be more accurate. Some assessments may change upon periodic review. For example, if condominium sales indicate a drop in value after a review, we will adjust those values accordingly. Towns will no longer be able to revisit their assessments every 10 to 20 years. Future assessments will be reviewed annually and modified every two to three years to avoid "assessment shock" This includes decreases in values if the data supports such a conclusion. All towns in New Hampshire face this reality. We will address this matter in more detail in our next newsletter.

We have a busy town meeting with a number of warrant articles for your consideration. All but one warrant articles are paid for by the use of the 2002 unreserved fund balance. We are retiring some debt early in order to save tax dollars. We anticipate about the same tax rate next year given this proposed budget. The major item on the warrant is to expand the fire station. This is in keeping with the master plan and was put forth by the Selectmen. Over the last 10 years we have done very little with that building. One reason for this expansion proposal is to give more room for equipment and the ability to service it. However, the primary reason is to motivate the retention of the volunteers. Why would a person volunteer when there is inadequate training facilities? This recommendation is to ensure our volunteers will have adequate facilities to volunteer their time. All safety services will be housed in this new addition. Police, fire, and EMTs will work as a unit under a public safety model. All of our departments are cross-trained. Full-time and part-time police are required to be engaged as part of their duties in either fire or EMS. Highway department employees have always been involved with the fire department to help with emergencies. An additional benefit to these changes is our ability to keep in line with the requirements of mutual aid. There are many times that other towns give us assistance. We need to be in a position to be able to reciprocate during their emergencies. All towns are more efficient within the mutual aid framework.

The other area of infrastructure upgrades is in the budget line associated with the Incinerator District owned by Hebron and Bridgewater. State and federal environmental services are

requiring that we comply with current standards. That site was developed in 1975 and needs an upgrade. We added a dumpster area and a new building as the first phase of that change. The new building will be used to house recyclables such as plastics, batteries, etc to sell in larger lots. The dumpster area allows us to landfill ash and demolition material off-site. This year we will be going through a major overhaul of the old building facility to give us additional space. We are also doing the preliminary engineering work to cap the existing ash and demolition areas and install monitoring wells. Next year we will bond sufficient monies to purchase a new advanced incineration system and cap the landfill. All of the equipment will be housed inside the new building along with the new technology to meet and exceed all of the clean air standards. We believe the solution to waste management is to recycle as much as possible and practical; reduce low-grade waste by oxidation; minimize off site land filling. There will be a series of newsletters and meetings throughout the communities of Bridgewater and Hebron to discuss this issue. We believe that with prudent financial management we can accomplish all of the above with no severe impact on the tax rate.

This will be the final full year of payments for the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School. We promised in 1999 not to exceed \$1.25 on the Village District tax rate to pay for that building. The highest rate did not exceed that value. This year the rate will be about \$.93 and next year we will start to decline to a level fund of about \$.30 for each town. Those funds will be used for capital reserve in maintenance of our investment. We are one of very few Towns to build such a building and pay it off in 5 years.

We believe the approach we took in building the school has saved us long-term dollars and allowed us to control our destiny. Using similar management approaches we believe it's possible to meet the challenges of solid waste management and other capital spendings without severely impacting the tax rate.

There is an important zoning amendment for your consideration on the Ballot this year proposed by the Planning Board. This will improve regulation of cell towers. Federal law bypasses local regulations and this is a reasonable set of local controls allowed under the federal statutes. Bottom Line: If you do not want a large tower abutting your property, you should vote in favor of this proposal. We presently have two such towers in town and have been lucky that they have been in remote areas. If you choose to not control cell tower placements, we will be at the whim of cell developers. Both the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Newfound School District has placed a warrant on their ballot for a bond for renovation, repair and expansion of all the school buildings in the school district. Given the high school bond is being retired next year; the physical condition of many of the buildings; the State 55% financial aid, we recommend that you give this matter a favorable review. The economic impact is fairly small.

We are planning a spring newsletter to give you greater detail with regards to town matters. With the general state of the economy, we are in pretty good shape.

Bridgewater Board of Selectmen



## TOWN WARRANT

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON  
IN SAID STATE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the Eleventh day  
of March, 2003 next at twelve of the clock in the noon to act on the following subjects:

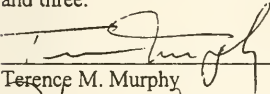
Polls to be opened from 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

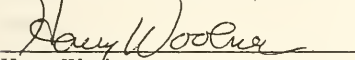
1. To choose a Selectman for three (3) years and all other necessary town officials.
2. To see if the Town will vote the following: Are you in favor of the amendment to the town zoning ordinance proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Delete Article V.F of the present zoning ordinance and in its place adopt a comprehensive ordinance for the siting and regulation of cell towers. (Ballot Vote) Recommended by the Planning Board and Selectmen
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,442,831 which represents the operational budget. Said sum does not include warrant articles. (Majority vote required.)
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 for the purpose of expanding and converting the fire station into a public safety building and equipping the same, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$550,000 of note and bonds for not more than 11 years in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA: 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 ballot vote required.) Recommended by Selectmen
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of sealing portions of Dick Brown Road and to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the December 31st, 2002 fund balance for this purpose. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of radio improvements and to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the sum of \$8,000 from the December 31st, 2002 fund balance for this purpose. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,500 for the purpose of a new public safety vehicle for the police division (\$30,000) and protective vests (\$2,500) and to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the sum of \$32,500 from the December 31st, 2002 fund balance for this purpose. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing two (2) new snow plows (\$10,000) and a utility pickup (\$30,000) for the highway department and to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the December 31st, 2002 fund balance for this purpose. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

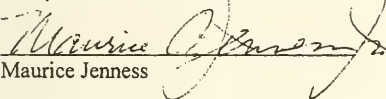


9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of early payoff of two general obligation note payables (Fire truck and Mack highway truck) and to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the December 31st, 2002 fund balance for this purpose. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seals, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and three.

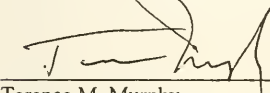
  
Terence M. Murphy

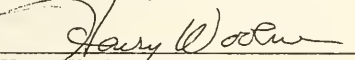
  
Henry Woolner

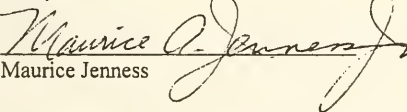
  
Maurice Jenness

Selectmen  
of  
Bridgewater

A true copy of warrant attest:

  
Terence M. Murphy

  
Henry Woolner

  
Maurice Jenness

Selectmen  
of  
Bridgewater

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NH**  
**Appropriations & Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 2003 to Dec. 31, 2003**

| PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION                    | Approp.<br>Previous<br>Year | Actual<br>Expenses<br>Prev. Yr. | Approp.<br>Year<br>2003 |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>                   |                             |                                 |                         |
| Executive                                   | 25,000.00                   | 31,539.84                       | 31,000.00               |
| Election, Town Clerk                        | 22,000.00                   | 14,958.30                       | 22,000.00               |
| Financial Administration                    | 20,000.00                   | 30,743.54                       | 25,000.00               |
| Revaluation of Property                     | 18,000.00                   | 29,258.62                       | 8,000.00                |
| Legal Expenses                              | 5,000.00                    | 4,377.68                        | 5,000.00                |
| Employee Benefits                           | 40,000.00                   | 43,324.32                       | 46,000.00               |
| Planning & Zoning                           | 2,500.00                    | 3,296.96                        | 3,000.00                |
| Town Buildings                              | 25,000.00                   | 28,566.04                       | 35,000.00               |
| Cemetaries                                  | 400.00                      | 0.00                            | 400.00                  |
| Insurance                                   | 22,000.00                   | 29,730.00                       | 33,000.00               |
| Advertising & Regional                      | 2,600.00                    | 2,578.03                        | 2,600.00                |
| <b>Subtotal General Government</b>          | <b>182,500.00</b>           | <b>218,373.33</b>               | <b>211,000.00</b>       |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>                        |                             |                                 |                         |
| Department of Public Safety                 | 122,000.00                  | 134,183.76                      | 117,500.00              |
| Police Division                             | 70000                       | 74233.68                        | 75000                   |
| Fire Division                               | 50000                       | 59950.08                        | 42500                   |
| Ambulance                                   | 176,300.00                  | 174,536.09                      | 20,000.00               |
| Building Inspection                         | 1,000.00                    | 523.00                          | 1,000.00                |
| Emergency Management                        | 2,000.00                    | 4,395.09                        | 4,000.00                |
| <b>HIGHWAYS &amp; BRIDGES</b>               |                             |                                 |                         |
| General Expenses Highway                    | 170,000.00                  | 201,741.63                      | 185,000.00              |
| Highway Block Grant                         | 38,000.00                   | 37,399.68                       | 40,000.00               |
| <b>Subtotal Safety, High. &amp; Bridges</b> | <b>509,300.00</b>           | <b>552,779.25</b>               | <b>367,500.00</b>       |
| <b>SANITATION</b>                           |                             |                                 |                         |
| Solid Waste Disposal                        | 60,000.00                   | 60,000.00                       | 95,000.00               |
| Hazardous Waste Collection                  | 450.00                      | 489.60                          | 450.00                  |
| <b>HEALTH</b>                               |                             |                                 |                         |
| NANA  | 6,744.00                    | 6,744.00                        | 6,744.00                |
| NH Humane Society                           | 300.00                      | 800.00                          | 800.00                  |
| Sceva Speare Hospital                       | 1,000.00                    | 500.00                          | 1,000.00                |
| Plymouth Health Clinic                      | 500.00                      | 1,500.00                        | 500.00                  |
| Plymouth Senior Center                      | 500.00                      | 500.00                          | 500.00                  |
| Family Services                             | 500.00                      | 500.00                          | 500.00                  |
| Other Health                                | 500.00                      | 0                               | 500.00                  |
| <b>Subtotal Sanitation &amp; Health</b>     | <b>70,494.00</b>            | <b>71,033.60</b>                | <b>105,994.00</b>       |

|                              |          |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| WELFARE                      |          |          |          |
| General Assistance           | 2,500.00 | 100.00   | 2,500.00 |
| Outreach Program             | 500.00   | 362.00   | 500.00   |
| Plymouth Crisis Service      | 500.00   | 500.00   | 500.00   |
| Upper Valley Senior Citizens | 1,002.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,002.00 |

|                            |          |          |          |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| CULTURE & RECREATION       |          |          |          |
| Library                    | 635.00   | 635.00   | 635.00   |
| Parks & Recreation         | 6,500.00 | 5,846.00 | 6,500.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes         | 1,000.00 | 2,163.68 | 2,000.00 |
| Historical Society         | 300.00   | 300.00   | 300.00   |
| Other Culture & Recreation | 650.00   | 98.00    | 650.00   |

|                |        |        |        |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| CONSERVATION   |        |        |        |
| Administration | 500.00 | 175.00 | 500.00 |
| Expenses       |        |        |        |
| Forests        |        | 500.00 | 500.00 |

|                                  |           |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Subtotal Welfare, Cul., Conserv. | 14,087.00 | 11,679.68 | 15,587.00 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

|                            |           |           |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| DEBT SERVICE               |           |           |           |
| Principal long notes       | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 36,000.00 |
| Interest Expense Notes     | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 23,000.00 |
| Interest Tax Anticipation  | 5,000.00  | 736.26    | 5,000.00  |
| Other Debt Service: RBA    | 5,250.00  | 5,000.00  | 5,250.00  |
| Other Debt Service: Trucks | 20,000.00 | 31,582.61 | 18,000.00 |

|                                  |           |           |            |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| CAPITAL OUTLAY                   |           |           |            |
| Article 3 Radios (2001)          | 7,000.00  | 6,902.52  |            |
| Article 3 Public Safety Building |           |           | 550,000.00 |
| Article 4 Sealing                |           |           | 10,000.00  |
| Article 5 Radio upgrades         |           |           | 8,000.00   |
| Article 6 Public safety          |           |           | 32,500.00  |
| Article 7 Highway                |           |           | 40,000.00  |
| Article 8 Retire debt            |           |           | 15,000.00  |
| Subtotal, Debt, Capital          | 82,250.00 | 89,221.39 | 742,750.00 |

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

|                      |            |            |              |
|----------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | 858,631.00 | 943,087.25 | 1,442,831.00 |
|----------------------|------------|------------|--------------|

|                                  |            |            |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Less Amount of Estimated Revenue | 355,800.00 | 418,072.96 | 894,000.00 |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|

|  |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Amount of Taxes to Raise<br>(exclusive of school & county) | 502,831.00 | 525,014.29 | 548,831.00 |
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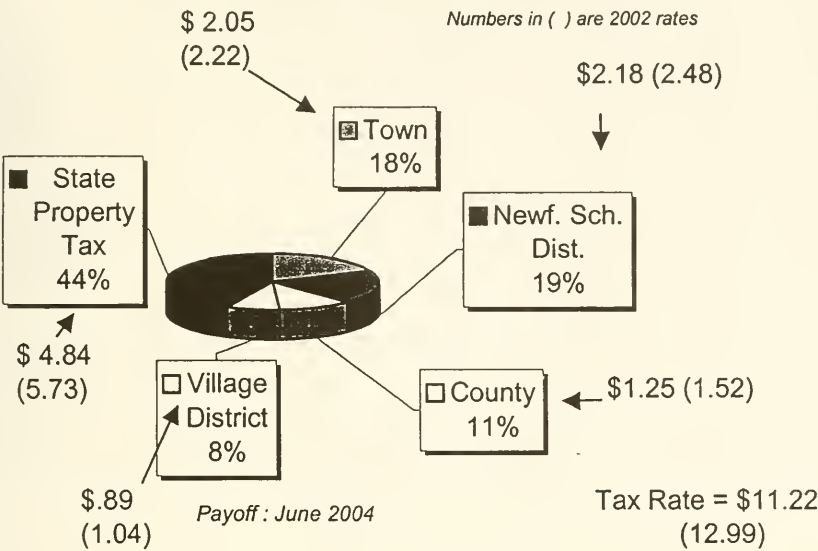
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIV.

|   |            |              |
|---|------------|--------------|
|   | Est. 2002  | Actual 2002  |
| County Tax                                | 270,273.00 | 297,787.00   |
| Village District                          | 185,000.00 | 212,562.00   |
| School - State Property Tax               | 999,999.00 | 852,472.00   |
| School - Local - Newfound School District | 535,000.00 | 521,691.00   |
|   |            | 1,884,512.00 |

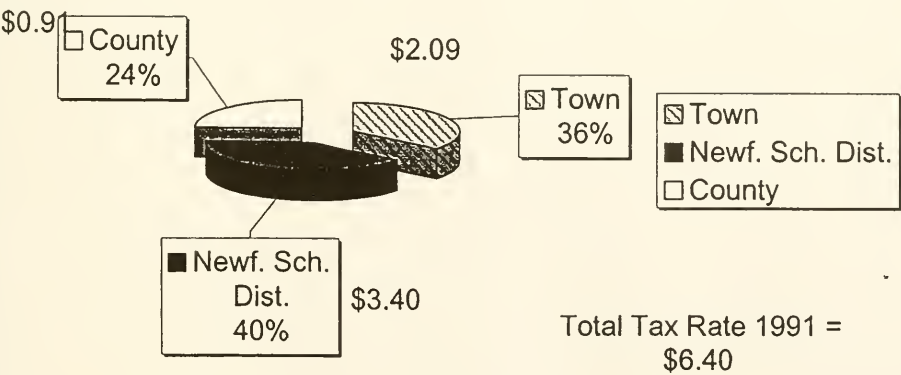
|   | Estimated<br>Previous<br>Fiscal Yr. | Actual<br>Previous<br>Fiscal Yr. | Estimated<br>Ensuing<br>Fiscal Yr. |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                             |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| Taxes                                       |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| Yield Taxes                                 | 5,000.00                            | 20,148.00                        | 5,000.00                           |
| Road Betterment Assess                      | 2,500.00                            | 2,500.00                         | 2,500.00                           |
| Interest & Penalties                        | 9,000.00                            | 12,103.86                        | 9,000.00                           |
| <b>LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES</b>           |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| Business licenses, per.                     |                                     | 691.90                           |                                    |
| Motor vehicle permits                       | 145,000.00                          | 175,005.00                       | 160,000.00                         |
| Building permits                            | 1,000.00                            | 500.00                           | 1,000.00                           |
| Other                                       | 1,000.00                            |                                  | 1,000.00                           |
| <b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE</b>   |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| Shared Revenue                              | 15,000.00                           | 5,559.72                         | 15,000.00                          |
| Highway Block Grant                         | 38,000.00                           | 37,399.68                        | 40,000.00                          |
| Other                                       |                                     | 28,532.34                        |                                    |
| <b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - FEDERAL</b> |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>               |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| Interest on Deposits                        | 5,000.00                            | 1,332.46                         | 5,000.00                           |
| Other                                       |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>              |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| Town Truck                                  | 134,300.00                          | 134,300.00                       | 0.00                               |
| Town Buildings - Capital                    |                                     |                                  | 550,000.00                         |
| Article 4 Sealing                           |                                     |                                  | 10,000.00                          |
| Article 5 Radio upgrades                    |                                     |                                  | 8,000.00                           |
| Article 6 Public safety                     |                                     |                                  | 32,500.00                          |
| Article 7 Highway                           |                                     |                                  | 40,000.00                          |
| Article 8 Retire debt                       |                                     |                                  | 15,000.00                          |
| Improvement                                 |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| Conservation Commission                     |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</b>         | <b>355,800.00</b>                   | <b>418,072.96</b>                | <b>894,000.00</b>                  |

2002 Tax Rate

Numbers in ( ) are 2002 rates



1991 Tax Rates



## Tax Rate 1990-2001

| Year | Town | Newfound<br>Sch. Dist. | County | Village<br>District | State<br>Property Tax | Tax Rate |
|------|------|------------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1990 | 1.98 | 3.29                   | 0.93   |                     |                       | 6.20     |
| 1991 | 2.09 | 3.40                   | 0.91   |                     |                       | 6.40     |
| 1992 | 2.02 | 3.51                   | 1.03   |                     |                       | 6.56     |
| 1993 | 1.98 | 3.70                   | 1.19   |                     |                       | 6.87     |
| 1994 | 1.95 | 3.81                   | 1.26   |                     |                       | 7.02     |
| 1995 | 1.95 | 3.91                   | 1.28   |                     |                       | 7.14     |
| 1996 | 1.92 | 3.95                   | 1.27   |                     |                       | 7.14     |
| 1997 | 1.91 | 4.72                   | 1.17   |                     |                       | 7.80     |
| 1998 | 1.88 | 5.15                   | 1.21   | 0.67                |                       | 8.91     |
| 1999 | 1.82 | 1.69                   | 1.30   | 0.79                | 5.47                  | 11.07    |
| 2000 | 1.85 | 2.67                   | 1.35   | 0.89                | 5.38                  | 12.14    |
| 2001 | 2.22 | 2.48                   | 1.52   | 1.04                | 5.73                  | 12.99    |
| 2002 | 2.05 | 2.18                   | 1.25   | 0.89                | 4.84                  | 11.21    |

Definitions: Town = Local costs; Highway, Fire, Police, Administration, Sanitation

Newfound School District = Local cost of Cooperative School District

County = Grafton County Services; Deeds, County Nursing Home; Jail; Courts

Village District = New School Bldg. owned by Bridgewater & Hebron  
(Operated & staffed by Newfound School District)

State Property Tax = Broad Based tax based on the total valuation of the Town and  
a complex formula for adequate education cost (Recently declared unconstitutional!!)

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

|                            | Estimated<br>2002 | Actual<br>2002 | Estimated<br>2003 | Est. Tax<br>Rate |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Total Town Appropriation   | 858631            | 943087         | 1442831           |                  |
| Total Revenues             | 355800            | 418073         | 894000            |                  |
| Net Town Appropriation     | 502831            | 525014         | 548831            | 2.29             |
| School Appropriation       | 491417            | 521691         | 558209            | 2.33             |
| State Appropriation        | 999989            | 825472         | 1073114           | 4.47             |
| County Assessment          | 281135            | 297787         | 318632            | 1.33             |
| Village Assessment         | 220000            | 212562         | 220000            | 0.92             |
| Total Town, School, County | 2495372           | 2382526        | 2718786           | 11.33            |
| Minus Shared Revenue       | 2300              | 2204           | 2300              |                  |
| Add War Service Credit     | 6250              | 4900           | 6250              |                  |
| Add Overlay                | 1000              | 121449         | 1000              |                  |
| R E Taxes to be Raised     | 2500322           | 2506671        | 2723736           | 11.33            |

PROPERTY VALUATION COMPARISON LAST 21 YEARS

|      | net<br>property<br>valuation | Valuation<br>change fr<br>prev. year | tax<br>rate/1000 |
|------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1981 | 11170840                     | 413140                               | 33.500           |
| 1982 | 11272540                     | 101700                               | 36.500           |
| 1983 | 11674845                     | 402305                               | 35.000           |
| 1984 | 12163845                     | 488700                               | 34.000           |
| 1985 | 12481080                     | 317235                               | 39.000           |
| 1986 | 13439150                     | 958070                               | 39.000           |
| 1987 | 15678789                     | 2239639                              | 39.400           |
| 1988 | 18724540                     | 3045751                              | 41.700           |
| 1989 | 157658824                    |                                      | 6.15             |
| 1990 | 162,463,253                  | 4,804,429                            | 6.20             |
| 1991 | 165,419,977                  | 2,956,724                            | 6.40             |
| 1992 | 167,415,800                  | 1,995,823                            | 6.56             |
| 1993 | 169,246,500                  | 1,830,700                            | 6.87             |
| 1994 | 172,885,450                  | 3,638,950                            | 7.10             |
| 1995 | 174,444,950                  | 1,559,500                            | 7.14             |
| 1996 | 176,172,968                  | 1,728,018                            | 7.14             |
| 1997 | 177,228,279                  | 1,055,311                            | 7.80             |
| 1998 | 178,570,380                  | 1,342,101                            | 8.95             |
| 1999 | 180,468,875                  | 1,898,495                            | 11.07            |
| 2000 | 183,188,204                  | 2,719,329                            | 12.14            |
| 2001 | 185,144,704                  | 1,956,500                            | 12.99*           |
| 2002 | 238,833,700                  | 53,688,996                           | 11.22*           |

\* \$ 4.84 is the new State Property Tax



**PLODZIK & SANDERSON***Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors*193 North Main Street • Concord • New Hampshire • 03301-5063 • 603-225-6996 • FAX-224-1380*INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Bridgewater  
Bridgewater, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Bridgewater has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Bridgewater as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bridgewater taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bridgewater. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*Plodzik & Sanderson*  
*Professional Association*

January 13, 2003

## TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2002

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2002, is comprised of the following:

|   | Original<br>Amount | Issue<br>Date | Maturity<br>Date | Interest<br>Rate<br>% | Outstanding<br>at<br>December 31, 2002 |
|---|--------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <u>General Obligation</u>                             |                    |               |                  |                       |  |
| <u>Bonds/Notes Payable</u>                            |                    |               |                  |                       |  |
| Fire Truck  | \$90,000           | 1993          | 2003             | Variable              | \$ 5,000                               |
| Highway Truck   | \$78,000           | 2000          | 2005             | 5.80                  | 46,800                                 |
| Building Equipment                                    | \$45,000           | 2000          | 2006             | 5.80                  | 31,500                                 |
| <u>Special Assessment Debt Payable</u>                |                    |               |                  |                       |  |
| Lavigne Road Renovation                               | \$52,500           | 1996          | 2005             | Variable              | 15,750                                 |
| <u>Capital Leases Payable</u>                         |                    |               |                  |                       |  |
| Dump Truck  | \$53,291           | 1998          | 2003             | 5.81                  | 7,043                                  |
| Highway Truck   | \$42,298           | 2001          | 2005             | 5.80                  | <u>31,923</u>                          |
| <u>Total General Long-Term<br/>Debt Account Group</u> |                    |               |                  |                       | <u>\$ 138,016</u>                      |

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 2002, including interest payments, are as follows:

*Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Bonds/Notes Payable*

| Fiscal Year Ending<br><u>December 31,</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u>  | <u>Total</u>     |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2003                                      | \$ 29,600        | \$ 6,936         | \$ 36,536        |
| 2004                                      | 24,600           | 4,347            | 28,947           |
| 2005                                      | 24,600           | 2,017            | 26,617           |
| 2006                                      | <u>4,500</u>     | <u>130</u>       | <u>4,630</u>     |
| <u>Totals</u>                             | <u>\$ 83,300</u> | <u>\$ 13,430</u> | <u>\$ 96,730</u> |

*Annual Requirements to Amortize Special Assessment Debt Payable*

| Fiscal Year Ending<br><u>December 31,</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u>     |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 2003                                      | \$ 5,250         | \$ 974          | \$ 6,224         |
| 2004                                      | 5,250            | 619             | 5,869            |
| 2005                                      | <u>5,250</u>     | <u>265</u>      | <u>5,515</u>     |
| <u>Totals</u>                             | <u>\$ 15,750</u> | <u>\$ 1,858</u> | <u>\$ 17,608</u> |

*TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE*  
*NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*  
*DECEMBER 31, 2002*

*Annual Requirements to Amortize Capital Leases Payable*

| <u>Fiscal Year Ending</u><br><u>December 31, .</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u>     |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 2003   | \$ 17,082        | \$ 1,845        | \$ 18,927        |
| 2004   | 10,629           | 1,117           | 11,746           |
| 2005   | <u>11,255</u>    | <u>492</u>      | <u>11,747</u>    |
| <u>Totals</u>                                      | <u>\$ 38,966</u> | <u>\$ 3,454</u> | <u>\$ 42,420</u> |

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit. Special assessment debt will be funded through user fees. All other debt will be repaid from general governmental revenues.

Both lease-purchase agreements contain non-appropriation funding clauses whereby, in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the Town, the leases shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Town.

*NOTE 4 - OTHER MATTERS*

4-A     New Reporting Standard

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. This statement establishes new financial reporting requirements for all state and local governments. When implemented, it will require new information and restructure much of the information that governments have presented in the past. Comparability with reports issued in all prior years will be affected. The Town is required to implement this standard for the year ending December 31, 2004.

## Year to Date

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Executive Office Expense         |                  |
| Board of Selectmen Salary        | 9,900.00         |
| Selectmen - Office Expense       | 1,865.84         |
| Selectmen - Postage              | 2,683.82         |
| Secretarial Expenses             | 4,732.45         |
| Selectmen - Copy & Print         | 4,383.67         |
| Selectmen - Maint/Office         | 2,495.68         |
| Selectmen - Phone                | 1,539.24         |
| Selectmen - Other                | 3,939.14         |
| Moderator & Town Meeting Expense | 0.00             |
| Other Executive Office           | 0.00             |
| <b>Total Executive Expense</b>   | <b>31,539.84</b> |

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Town Clerk, Election Exp.              |                  |
| Town Clerk Salary                      | 11,857.59        |
| Town Clerk Fees                        | 0.00             |
| Deputy Town Clerk Salary               | 3,650.00         |
| Town Clerk - Phone                     | 1,111.15         |
| Town Clerk - Postage                   | 212.00           |
| Town Clerk - Copying                   | 92.00            |
| Town Clerk - Supplies                  | (6,528.05)       |
| Town Clerk Fees to State               | 246.15           |
| Election Expenses                      | 4,237.46         |
| Voter Registration                     | 0.00             |
| Other Elec., Reg. & Stats              | 80.00            |
| <b>Total Town Clerk &amp; Election</b> | <b>14,958.30</b> |

|                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Financial Administration              |                  |
| Auditing Expenses                     | 5,450.00         |
| General Appraisal Expense             | 22,733.34        |
| Tax Collector Salary                  | 12,000.00        |
| Deputy Tax Collector Salary           | 0.00             |
| Tax Collector - Postage               | 868.66           |
| Tax Collector - Office Expenses       | 4,395.05         |
| Tax Collector - Telephone             | 1,344.67         |
| Other Tax Collector Expenses          | 3,150.90         |
| Treasurer Salary                      | 2,400.00         |
| Treasurer - Postage                   | 1,069.50         |
| Other Treasurer Expenses              | 13.50            |
| Refund of Taxes                       | 0.00             |
| Tax/Planning/Safety Maps              | 421.51           |
| Other Financial Adm. Expenses         | 0.00             |
| External Revaluation Srvs             | 0.00             |
| Internal Revaluation Srvs             | 1,520.50         |
| Other Revaluation Expense             | 4,644.53         |
| <b>Total Financial Administration</b> | <b>60,012.16</b> |

## General Legal Expense

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Legal Expense           | 2,877.68        |
| Claims, Judgements, Settlements | 0.00            |
| Other Legal Expenses            | 1,500.00        |
| <b>Total General Legal</b>      | <b>4,377.68</b> |

## Employee Benefit Expenses

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Group Insurance - BC/BS        | 25,179.43        |
| Group Insurance - Life         | 80.00            |
| Group Insurance - Other        | 0.00             |
| Social Security - FICA         | 11,636.76        |
| Social Security - Medicare     | 2,177.47         |
| Unemployment Compensation      | 1,228.98         |
| Payroll Taxes                  | 362.35           |
| Retirement Expenses            | 2,485.33         |
| Other Employee Benefits        | 174.00           |
| <b>Total Employee Benefits</b> | <b>43,324.32</b> |

## General Expenses - Building

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Town Offices - Oil             | 1,203.13 |
| Town Offices - Electric        | 2,738.40 |
| Town Offices - Water           | 0.00     |
| Town Offices - Repairs         | 706.49   |
| Town Offices - Maintenance     | 2,958.99 |
| Town Offices - Insurance       | 759.00   |
| Town Offices - Other           | 1,400.00 |
| Fire Department - Propane      | 3,533.77 |
| Fire Department - Electric     | 926.48   |
| Fire Department - Water        | 0.00     |
| Fire Department - Repairs      | 65.00    |
| Fire Department - Maintenance  | 700.57   |
| Fire Department - Insurance    | 463.00   |
| Fire Department - Other        | 0.00     |
| Highway - Oil                  | 2,009.44 |
| Highway - Electric             | 1,882.21 |
| Highway - Water                | 0.00     |
| Highway - Repairs              | 611.62   |
| Highway - Maintenance          | 1,775.24 |
| Highway - Insurance            | 537.00   |
| Highway - Other                | 0.00     |
| Town Hall - Electric           | 194.15   |
| Town Hall - Repairs            | 0.00     |
| Town Hall - Maintenance        | 96.00    |
| Town Hall - Insurance          | 268.00   |
| Town Hall - Other              | 0.00     |
| River Rd. School - Oil         | 1,672.67 |
| River Rd. School - Electric    | 1,049.43 |
| River Rd. School - Water       | 0.00     |
| River Rd. School - Repairs     | 141.00   |
| River Rd. School - Maintenance | 1,467.57 |

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| River Rd. School - Insurance     | 420.00           |
| River Rd. School - Other         | 0.00             |
| Other Building Expenses          | 986.88           |
| <b>Total Maintenance Expense</b> | <b>28,566.04</b> |

## Safety Services

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Police Division                      |                  |
| Police Salaries                      | 47,785.38        |
| Secretarial Expense                  | 0.00             |
| Office Expense                       | 35.00            |
| Office Supplies                      | 194.86           |
| Police - Telephone                   | 1,879.92         |
| Police - Book & Periodicals          | 38.00            |
| Dues                                 | 386.00           |
| Travel & Personal Reimbursement      | 0.00             |
| Liability Insurance                  | 2,500.00         |
| Vehicle Insurance                    | 1,352.00         |
| Other Insurance                      | 0.00             |
| Training Expense                     | 325.39           |
| Vehicle Expense & Repair             | 3,440.87         |
| Lease Purchase - Auto                | 0.00             |
| Gasoline                             | 1,826.37         |
| Police Uniforms                      | 1,860.16         |
| Communication Expense                | 1,296.88         |
| Radar Repairs                        | 50.00            |
| Snowmobile Expense & Rep.            | 0.00             |
| Dispatch Services                    | 7,218.00         |
| Prosecutor Expense                   | 3,167.31         |
| Equipment Purchases                  | 2,114.55         |
| Other Police Expenses                | (1,247.01)       |
| <b>Total Police Division Expense</b> | <b>74,223.68</b> |

## Safety Services

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Fire Department               |           |
| Fire Dept. - Call Salaries    | 7,069.00  |
| Personel Reimbursement        | 150.00    |
| Training                      | 1,094.45  |
| Fire Fighting                 | 0.00      |
| Truck Maintenance             | 4,564.62  |
| Airpack Maintenance           | 0.00      |
| Pump Maintenance              | 196.80    |
| Radio Maintenance             | 1,624.20  |
| Fire Extinguisher Maintenance | 109.00    |
| Accessory Repairs             | 1,260.00  |
| Small Engine - Repairs        | 0.00      |
| Maintenance - Auto            | 0.00      |
| Protective Equipment          | 20,127.70 |
| Haz/Mat Materials & Exp.      | 0.00      |
| New Equipment                 | 18,650.65 |
| Gasoline                      | 708.57    |
| Fluids & Oils                 | 0.00      |

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Fluids & Foams                   | 0.00             |
| General Administrative           | 0.00             |
| Office Supplies                  | 502.50           |
| Telephone                        | 1,467.45         |
| Vehicle Insurance & Registration | 4,566.00         |
| Other Insurance                  | 0.00             |
| Association Dues                 | 79.68            |
| Dispatch Services                | 0.00             |
| State of NH                      | 0.00             |
| Other Fire Dept. Expenses        | (2,220.54)       |
| <b>Total Fire Department</b>     | <b>59,950.08</b> |

## Highway Department Exp.

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Highway Administrative Costs | 880.21     |
| Engineering Costs            | 0.00       |
| State of NH - Fees           | 0.00       |
| Telephone Expenses           | 1,570.96   |
| Vehicle Ins. & Reg.          | 10,384.00  |
| Other Insurance              | 0.00       |
| Freight Expense              | 50.00      |
| Dues                         | 579.50     |
| Travel                       | 0.00       |
| Lease Purchase Expense       | 0.00       |
| Other Adm. Costs             | 523.18     |
| Salaries                     | 107,551.55 |
| Snow and Ice Control         | 0.00       |
| Sander Expense               | 0.00       |
| Salt Expense                 | 10,745.60  |
| Winter Sand                  | 2,847.00   |
| Snow Plow Repairs            | 0.00       |
| General Truck Repairs        | 14,093.25  |
| Accessory Expense            | 3,300.30   |
| Heavy Equipment Repairs      | 7,958.28   |
| Tire Expense                 | 4,075.23   |
| Garage Inventory             | 7,737.95   |
| Oil & Transmission Fluids    | 477.83     |
| Gasoline                     | 3,254.40   |
| Dielsel Fuel                 | 8,580.26   |
| Anti-Freeze & Additives      | 0.00       |
| Tool Expense                 | 2,908.29   |
| Equipment Purchases          | 644.00     |
| Bridge Repairs               | 55.00      |
| Guard Rails                  | 0.00       |
| Bridge Inspections           | 0.00       |
| Road Materials - Gravel      | 9,456.35   |
| Road Materials - Culverts    | 2,789.20   |
| Road Materials - Tar         | 359.52     |
| Road Materials - Guard Rails | 0.00       |
| Road Signs & Markers         | 448.53     |
| Road Materials - Other       | 48.56      |
| Subcontractors               | 8,941.21   |



|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Rental Equipment             | 132.50            |
| Hwy Reconstruction - Gravel  | 12,658.25         |
| Hwy Reconstruction - Tar     | 23,190.86         |
| Hwy Reconst./Subs & Rent.    | 1,647.50          |
| Other Reconstruction Exp.    | 635.72            |
| Other Highway Expenses       | (46,783.36)       |
| <b>Total Highway Expense</b> | <b>201,741.63</b> |

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| General Expense - Insurance      |                  |
| Insurance - General Liability    | 6,732.00         |
| Insurance - Public Bond          | 7,218.00         |
| Insurance - Accident & Indemnity | 0.00             |
| Insurance - Floaters             | 0.00             |
| Insurance - Workers Comp         | 9,493.00         |
| Insurance - Other                | 6,287.00         |
| <b>Total Insurance Expense</b>   | <b>29,730.00</b> |

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Conservation Commission           |               |
| Supplies - General                | 0.00          |
| Supplies - Office                 | 0.00          |
| Postage                           | 0.00          |
| Books & Periodicals               | 0.00          |
| Telephone                         | 0.00          |
| Legal Exp                         | 0.00          |
| Consulting Services               | 0.00          |
| Other Professional Exp.           | 0.00          |
| Printing & Copying                | 0.00          |
| Maps                              | 0.00          |
| Manuals                           | 0.00          |
| Dues & Subscriptions              | 175.00        |
| Advertising                       | 0.00          |
| Seminars                          | 0.00          |
| Personal Reimbursement            | 0.00          |
| Other Administrative Exp.         | 0.00          |
| Purchase of Natural Resources     | 0.00          |
| Other Acquisitions                | 0.00          |
| Exp. for Promotion                | 0.00          |
| Other Conservation Exp.           | 0.00          |
| <b>Total Conservation Expense</b> | <b>175.00</b> |

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Planning & Zoning Expense     |        |
| Planning and Develop Ctl.     | 0.00   |
| Postage - Planning            | 4.42   |
| Supplies - Planning           | 175.00 |
| Clerical Expense - Planning   | 757.72 |
| Legal Expense - Planning      | 806.14 |
| Engineering Exp. - Planning   | 0.00   |
| Printing/Copying- Planning    | 741.76 |
| Advertising - Planning        | 602.80 |
| Consulting Expense - Planning | 0.00   |
| Dues, Conference & Seminars   | 0.00   |

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Other Planning Expense             | 50.00           |
| Zoning Enforcement                 | 0.00            |
| Postage - Zoning                   | 159.12          |
| Supplies - Zoning                  | 0.00            |
| Copying - Zoning                   | 0.00            |
| Legal Expense - Zoning             | 0.00            |
| Dues, Conference & Seminars        | 0.00            |
| Other Zoning Expense               | 0.00            |
| <b>Total Planning &amp; Zoning</b> | <b>3,296.96</b> |

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Debt Service                |                  |
| Note Repayments - long      | 14,750.00        |
| Gen. Debt Principal - long  | 57,911.97        |
| Other Long Bonds & Notes    | 0.00             |
| Interest on Notes - Long    | 8,818.11         |
| Other Debt Interest         | 0.00             |
| Int. Tax Anticipation       | 737.26           |
| Other Int. Tax Anticipation | 0.00             |
| Late Payment/Finance Chg    | 101.53           |
| <b>Total Debt Service</b>   | <b>82,318.87</b> |

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Capital Outlay               |                 |
| Cap. Outlay - Land & Improv. | 0.00            |
| Cap. Outlay - Equipment      | 6,902.52        |
| Cap. Outlay - Vehicles       | 0.00            |
| Cap. Outlay - Machinery      | 0.00            |
| Cap. Outlay - Buildings      | 0.00            |
| Other Capital Outlay         | 0.00            |
| <b>Total Capital Outlay</b>  | <b>6,902.52</b> |

## Town of Bridgewater

Town Salaries  
Town Report Summary  
12/31/02

|                                      |    |          |
|--------------------------------------|----|----------|
| Maurice Jenness, Selectmen           | \$ | 3300.00  |
| Terence Murphy, Selectmen            |    | 3300.00  |
| Hank Woolner, Selectmen              |    | 3300.00  |
| Lawrence Gilpatric, Highway*         |    | 42296.51 |
| Arnold Cate                          |    | 2915.50  |
| Shawn Gilpatric*#                    |    | 33746.50 |
| Adam Gleeson*                        |    | 15340.75 |
| Michael Jenness*#                    |    | 3987.00  |
| Richard Wendell#                     |    | 1930.00  |
| Joseph Bavis#                        |    | 5082.00  |
| Forest Webber                        |    | 6545.00  |
| Don Nason, Police Chief              |    | 34094.90 |
| Jim Gickas, Police (part-time)       |    | 2151.50  |
| George Faran, Police (part-time) EMS |    | 1051.00  |
| Marilyn Raymond, Treasurer           |    | 2400.00  |
| Christi Gleeson, Town Clerk          |    | 11645.59 |
| Kathy Vestal, Tax Collector          |    | 12000.00 |
| Cathy Lyford, Assistant Town Clerk   |    | 3000.00  |
| Rachel Spencer, Staff                |    | 4336.90  |
| Don Nason, Building Inspector#       |    | 1000.00  |
| Diana Calder, Assessor, (part-time)  |    | 19930.54 |

(Volunteer fire department members receive a stipend for training purposes not noted above.)

\* Inc. Overtime

# Left employment

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT  
Year Ending 2002

Levy for  
This Year

**REMITTED TO TREASURER:**

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Property Taxes             | 2,077,667.46 |
| Yield Taxes                | 18,654.50    |
| Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd. | 510.00       |
| Conversion to Lien         | 1,234.77     |
| Road Betterment            | 1,314.00     |

**ABATEMENTS MADE:**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Yield Taxes | 3,993.72 |
|-------------|----------|

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR**

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Property Taxes | 486,139.80 |
| Excess Debits  | 2,573.74   |

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> | 2,592,087.99 |
|----------------------|--------------|

**TAXES COMMITTED**

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Property Taxes          | 2,553,489.00 |
| Yield Taxes             | 22,648.22    |
| Excavation Activity Tax | 510.00       |
| Road Betterment         | 1,314.00     |

**OVERPAYMENT**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Property Taxes      | 12,892.00 |
| Interest - Late Tax | 1,234.77  |

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b> | 2,592,087.99 |
|---------------------|--------------|

**DEBITS**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Year                 | 53,228.35 |
| Interest & Costs Collected (after lien execution) | 1,643.82  |

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b> | 54,872.17 |
|---------------------|-----------|

**CREDITS**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Redemptions                                       | 29,950.51 |
| Interest & Costs Collected (after lien execution) | 1,643.82  |
| Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr.                  | 23,277.84 |

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> | 54,872.17 |
|----------------------|-----------|

| Current |                             |            | Current |                            |              |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------|
| V#      | Vendor                      | Year       | V#      | Vendor                     | Year         |
| A105    | AT&T                        | 1,120.38   | G105    | Grafton County Sheriff     | 7,218.00     |
| A107    | Atwood Donald               | 286.74     | G107    | Grappone Truck Center      | 2,231.11     |
| A109    | CitiCapital (SM)            | 11,281.05  | G108    | Gall's Inc.                | 364.91       |
| A111    | Arnold Cate                 | 210.14     | G109    | GEMFORMS                   | 2,415.20     |
| A116    | Ambrose Brothers            | 6,087.95   | G112    | Lawrence Gilpatric         | 1,598.89     |
| B101    | Bartlett David              | 296.00     | G113    | Gickas, Jim                | 1,088.67     |
| B102    | B-B Chain Co                | 1,285.80   | G117    | Granite State Minerals     | 10,295.60    |
| B103    | Bigelow Waste               | 955.04     | G90     | Creighton Gray             | 1,490.70     |
| B104    | Richard Brook               | 95.00      | H100    | Hawkensen Enterprises      | 410.86       |
| B105    | Pitney Bowes                | 922.99     | H103    | H-B Incinerator District   | 60,000.00    |
| B106    | Bomar Construction          | 3,010.50   | H107    | James Hand                 | 50.00        |
| B108    | Bristol Community Center    | 5,846.00   | H108    | Hoby Harmon                | 92.00        |
| B109    | New England Barricade       | 737.57     | H112    | NH Hydraulics              | 726.76       |
| B110    | Bristol Auto Parts          | 2,084.10   | H113    | Pauline Havens             | 160.00       |
| B111    | Blue Seal Feeds & Needs     | 450.00     | H114    | Florence Hanaford          | 75.00        |
| B118    | Business Management Systems | 1,905.50   | I100    | Internal Revenue Service   | 101.53       |
| B119    | Town of Bristol             | 18,425.09  | I104    | Irwin Motors               | 16.65        |
| B123    | Brackley Shaw               | 1,400.00   | I106    | Inn on Newfound Lake       | 2,164.68     |
| B124    | Bedard Excavating           | 1,507.50   | J100    | Jordon Milton              | 5,972.80     |
| B125    | Bergeron Protective Cloth   | 2,991.73   | J102    | Albert Jacques             | 146.00       |
| B126    | Bristol House of Pizza      | 377.70     | J103    | Johnson & Dix              | 22,430.31    |
| B131    | Better Roads Magazine       | 48.00      | J104    | Jordan Equipment           | 5,032.66     |
| B132    | NH Business Review          | 68.00      | L100    | Laconia Electric           | 197.95       |
| B133    | Bridgewater-Hebron VD       | 212,765.90 | L105    | Lakes Region Mutual Aid    | 16,745.52    |
| C103    | Cartographic Associates     | 1,937.50   | L106    | Lakes Region Planning      | 1,966.00     |
| C104    | US Cellular                 | 1,533.92   | L114    | Ron Linde                  | 451.91       |
| C107    | Citizen Publishing          | 701.22     | L115    | Eileen Linde               | 1,204.21     |
| C111    | Crail Enterprises           | 26.96      | L116    | Tom Lynch                  | 215.37       |
| C113    | Circle Tri Cleaners         | 248.66     | L126    | Lily Pond Communications   | 791.65       |
| C114    | Plodzki-Sanderson           | 5,450.00   | L128    | Matthew Bender & Co        | 515.88       |
| C118    | Central Paper Products      | 109.53     | L130    | 123 Lock & Key             | 68.00        |
| C122    | Cohen Steel                 | 423.16     | M100    | Small Engine Technology    | 260.15       |
| C124    | Mitzi Corneau               | 145.00     | M102    | J P. Morrison & Sons       | 5,715.00     |
| C133    | State Street Bank & Trust   | 5,515.00   | M107    | Terence M. Murphy          | 268.96       |
| C138    | Chem-Dry                    | 1,410.00   | M108    | David Monell Oil Services  | 716.95       |
| D95     | W. S. Darley & Co.          | 196.80     | M113    | Moore, Charles             | 46.00        |
| D100    | Donovan Spring & Equip.     | 418.81     | M114    | McDervitt Trucks           | 81.52        |
| D102    | Andrew Denton               | 1,567.63   | M118    | Victor MacAdams            | 41.00        |
| D104    | Donbeck Sales               | 2,043.50   | M120    | Mac-Durgin Associates      | 500.48       |
| D114    | Dana Davis                  | 404.24     | M124    | Eugene Morgan              | 1,590.00     |
| D115    | Protection One              | 773.35     | N100    | Newfound Area Nursing      | 6,744.00     |
| D116    | D & N Family Security       | 805.00     | N102    | Verizon                    | 4,958.79     |
| E100    | Salmon Press                | 629.60     | N103    | Newfound Country Store     | 2,053.96     |
| F101    | Fuller Ford Inc.            | 665.36     | N104    | Newfound School District   | 1,126,106.00 |
| F106    | Ford Motor Credit 67-434    | 15,530.92  | N105    | Newfound Chamber of Comm   | 155.00       |
| F107    | The Fire Barn               | 390.45     | N106    | NH Assoc. of Assessing     | 20.00        |
| F108    | Fred Fuller Oil             | 180.19     | N109    | NH Assoc. of Police Chiefs | 200.00       |
| F113    | The Flowersmiths            | 414.95     | N110    | NH Electric Cooperative    | 1,243.58     |
| G101    | Gilbert Inc                 | 635.72     | N112    | NH Humane Association      | 800.00       |
| G102    | Grainger W W , Inc.         | 243.61     | N113    | Cigna                      | 25,179.43    |
| G104    | Airgas East                 | 939.44     | N114    | NH Municipal Association   | 1,039.03     |

| V#   | Vendor                     | Current<br>Year |
|------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| N115 | Primex                     | 1,215.10        |
| N117 | Neptune                    | 1,111.15        |
| N118 | Mitchell & Bates           | 3,683.82        |
| N122 | NH Tax Collectors Assoc.   | 20.00           |
| N124 | Noyes Insurance            | 52,449.00       |
| N125 | NH Assoc of Conser Comm    | 175.00          |
| N126 | NH Treasurer               | 80.00           |
| N128 | Northeast Tire Service     | 4,105.23        |
| N132 | Newfound Plumbing          | 1,087.99        |
| N133 | NH Retirement              | 5,705.26        |
| N136 | Marjory Nickerson          | 779.00          |
| N141 | New England Barricade      | 297.22          |
| N142 | Al Nickerson               | 230.00          |
| N96  | NH Municipal Truck Equip   | 629.18          |
| N97  | NH Occupational Health     | 264.50          |
| O100 | Ossipee Mt Electric        | 527.32          |
| O104 | Oliver Photo and Camera    | 60.21           |
| P100 | Pemigewasset National Bank | 40,120.56       |
| P105 | Ralph Pill Electric        | 82.86           |
| P101 | Pitneyworks                | 3,737.07        |
| P107 | Plymouth Regional Clinic   | 1,000.00        |
| P108 | Public Service of NH       | 5,547.09        |
| P110 | Proforma Unlimited         | 449.14          |
| P112 | Plymouth Area Prosecutor   | 3,167.31        |
| P119 | Yankee Truck               | 66.70           |
| P120 | Parts Associates           | 3,864.25        |
| P122 | F M Piper                  | 1,011.20        |
| P123 | Pike Industnes             | 2,350.67        |
| R101 | A M Rand Company, Inc.     | 339.87          |

| V#   | Vendor                         | Current<br>Year |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| R105 | Real Data                      | 402.80          |
| R109 | Registrar of Deeds             | 350.90          |
| R115 | Rowell Sewer & Drain           | 175.00          |
| S100 | Sanel Auto Parts Co            | 1,483.56        |
| S102 | Speare Hospital                | 878.60          |
| S104 | Surplus Distribution Sect      | 747.00          |
| S108 | Stark & Sons Machine           | 43.65           |
| S110 | Kathleen W Ward                | 298,761.00      |
| S114 | Staples                        | 4,755.82        |
| T100 | Thompson E. Wayne              | 2,920.00        |
| T103 | Terminix                       | 1,225.25        |
| T105 | True Colors                    | 2,381.20        |
| T106 | Tri County Community Action    | 400.00          |
| T107 | Two Way Communication          | 15,797.42       |
| U100 | US Postal Service - Bristol    | 159.12          |
| U101 | US Postal Service - Plymouth   | 1,009.50        |
| U102 | Grafton County Senior Citizens | 1,002.00        |
| U104 | UNH - Technology Transfer      | 120.00          |
| V101 | Kathy Vestal                   | 350.66          |
| V013 | Venture Print                  | 922.00          |
| V014 | Vision Appraisal Tech          | 2,400.00        |
| W102 | Williams, R P                  | 1,419.11        |
| W103 | Wilson Tire                    | 324.20          |
| W107 | Lynn White                     | 1,580.00        |
| W110 | Big A Auto                     | 4,301.59        |
| W111 | Scott Wilcox                   | 288.92          |
| X100 | Xerox Corporation              | 821.54          |
| Y102 | Yeaton Agway                   | 478.81          |

## Additional Vendors

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Aardvark Fire Arms         | 632.77   |
| Adamson Ind Corp           | 189.00   |
| Adkins, Robert             | 404.73   |
| Adkins, Richard            | 75.00    |
| Allison, Joseph F.         | 140.00   |
| Alltex                     | 17.41    |
| American Express           | 224.75   |
| American Heritage Laminate | 30.00    |
| American Laminating        | 61.26    |
| Ames                       | 49.99    |
| Anton Enterprise Inc.      | 178.50   |
| Arch Wireless              | 365.28   |
| Ashland Postmaster         | 272.00   |
| AW Direct Inc.             | 239.50   |
| Bavis, Cliff               | 120.00   |
| Boundtree Medical          | 9,097.15 |
| Brennan, Jill              | 4,401.25 |
| Bridgewater Fire Dept.     | 395.00   |
| Bridgewater Inn            | 127.44   |
| Bristol Rite Aid           | 6.49     |
| Bullseye                   | 24.00    |
| Bristol Laudromat          | 4.85     |
| Camerota Truck Parts       | 1,450.00 |
| Cantara's Auto Body        | 641.00   |
| Cantin Chevy               | 95.57    |
| Carey, Don                 | 24.00    |
| Carter, Richard            | 1,614.00 |
| Central Paper              | 111.06   |
| Chase St. Market           | 323.65   |
| Child Support Processing   | 1,512.00 |
| Citibank                   | 2,992.61 |
| Citi Corp                  | 75.00    |
| City of Portsmouth         | 1,500.00 |
| CLL                        | 300.00   |
| Comp Resource              | 60.96    |
| Corbeil Enterprises        | 40.00    |
| Country Widedor            | 1,264.16 |
| Dartmouth Hitchcock        | 159.00   |
| Del, Gilbert               | 55.00    |
| DHHS                       | 492.00   |
| Donovan, Alice             | 610.00   |
| Duclos, Dan                | 2,664.50 |
| Dupuis, Casey              | 303.29   |
| Dyer, Dave                 | 800.00   |
| Earth Inc.                 | 2,987.00 |
| Elliott, Carol             | 1,050.00 |
| Family Tree                | 125.00   |
| Faran, George              | 738.92   |
| Faro, John                 | 99.00    |
| Feather Ledge Forestry     | 1,408.75 |



## Additional Vendors

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Fire Tech                | 180.65    |
| Fischer, Linda           | 1,407.45  |
| Flowersmiths             | 487.20    |
| Flynn, Mark              | 115.46    |
| Franklin Savings Bank    | 168.00    |
| Freightliner             | 143.04    |
| GCR Realty               | 1,451.00  |
| Gickas, James            | 160.00    |
| Gilpatric, Shawn         | 620.15    |
| Gleeson, Adam            | 437.37    |
| Gleeson, Christy         | 392.00    |
| GMI Asphalt Corp         | 22,672.02 |
| Goodville, Chris         | 100.00    |
| Goutell, Martha          | 5.56      |
| Graces Electronic Shack  | 39.98     |
| Greenlands Equip         | 41.55     |
| Greenwood, Tabatha       | 220.00    |
| Hall, William            | 1,764.00  |
| Hanser Auto              | 50.00     |
| Havens, Pauline          | 580.00    |
| Home Depot               | 201.92    |
| HOP Sales                | 105.00    |
| I 93 Asphalt             | 518.84    |
| Jefferies, James         | 25.00     |
| Jenness, John            | 145.85    |
| Jenness, Maurice, Jr.    | 1,500.00  |
| Johns Auto Service       | 158.00    |
| Johnston, Steve          | 3,546.00  |
| Kustoms Signals          | 1,314.00  |
| LaBelle, Karen           | 1,285.72  |
| Laconia Clinic           | 166.96    |
| Letho, David             | 11,000.00 |
| Longenberger, David      | 825.00    |
| Lyford, Cathy            | 661.70    |
| MacAllister, Dave        | 436.77    |
| Mail Box Etc.            | 18.11     |
| Maintenance Connection   | 864.79    |
| Marshall & Swift         | 537.90    |
| MB Tractor & Equip       | 14.04     |
| Merrill, Virginia        | 100.00    |
| Meredith Ford            | 1,544.19  |
| Meredith Village Savings | 2,000.00  |
| Merriam Graves Corp      | 227.09    |
| Meteorlogic              | 730.00    |
| Moore Medical Corp       | 2,170.80  |
| Morrell, Paige           | 175.00    |
| Murphy, Terence          | 1,500.00  |
| Murphy, Kieran           | 1,549.00  |
| MVSB                     | 26,970.94 |
| Nason, Don               | 2,571.87  |
| NE Assoc of Town Clerks  | 20.00     |

## Additional Vendors

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| NH Dept of Revenue            | 237,243.00 |
| NHMTA                         | 175.00     |
| NH Assoc of Chiefts of Police | 40.00      |
| NH Road Agents Assoc.         | 20.00      |
| NH Town Clerks Assoc.         | 20.00      |
| Northern Lakes Vets           | 132.60     |
| Old Home Day Assoc.           | 300.00     |
| Oreck                         | 369.00     |
| Outdoor Performance           | 1,015.00   |
| Overhead Door Co of Concord   | 718.00     |
| Parkhurst & Co.               | 133.35     |
| PC Magazine                   | 39.97      |
| Pemigewasset Bank             | 531,054.22 |
| Piche's                       | 27.00      |
| Pinpoint & Co.                | 99.00      |
| Plymouth Town of              | 300.15     |
| Pond View Garden Center       | 48.56      |
| Primedia                      | 34.00      |
| Primex                        | 13.88      |
| Premium Glass                 | 104.00     |
| Psychotherapy                 | 250.00     |
| Reed, Milton                  | 11.00      |
| Red Hed Supply                | 2,789.20   |
| Resource Recycling            | 54.00      |
| Riccitti, John                | 100.00     |
| Riley's Sport Shop            | 183.00     |
| Rockwell, Lawrence            | 688.00     |
| Ryan, Lenny                   | 592.41     |
| Sherwin Dodge Printers        | 168.00     |
| Simula, Karen                 | 195.00     |
| Siemens                       | 106.67     |
| Skyliners                     | 330.00     |
| Smith, Heather                | 292.50     |
| Speciality Vehicles           | 156,630.00 |
| Spencer, Rachel               | 27.92      |
| State of NH Treasurer         | 389.50     |
| State of NH                   | 415.00     |
| Superior Fence                | 29.00      |
| Tappley, Charles              | 195.00     |
| The Target Shop               | 43.30      |
| Top Notch                     | 1,125.00   |
| Tri State Fire                | 159.00     |
| Tucker, Zelma                 | 60.00      |
| US Cellular                   | 664.26     |
| Voices Against Violence       | 500.00     |
| VTR                           | 2,777.00   |
| Webber, Forrest               | 602.00     |
| White Ribbon Water            | 196.66     |
| Williams, Doug                | 60.00      |
| Windy Ridge Co.               | 95.00      |
| Woolner, Henry                | 1,523.60   |

## 2002 Property Tax Rebates

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Atwood, Donald Heirs of | 1,366.00 |
| Benz, Ronald            | 928.00   |
| Binder, Richard         | 1,803.00 |
| Bohn, Jacquelyn Trustee | 2,155.00 |
| Bombard, Audrey         | 10.00    |
| Brooks, Richard         | 34.00    |
| Carter, Gary            | 5.00     |
| Cass, Bobby             | 13.00    |
| Cassidy, Nelson         | 11.00    |
| Cheney, David           | 1,520.78 |
| Crane, Emily Rev Trust  | 44.00    |
| Curran, Judith Trustee  | 978.00   |
| Curren, Thomas          | 134.00   |
| DeLashmit, Mary         | 29.00    |
| DiDonato, Michael       | 32.00    |
| Dostie, Steve           | 47.00    |
| Drew, Lawrence          | 212.00   |
| Duschene, Barbara       | 523.50   |
| Emerald Ledge           | 671.00   |
| Fardig, Warren          | 27.00    |
| Finkle, Edith           | 25.00    |
| Ford, Roy               | 239.00   |
| Fortescue, Peter, Jr.   | 4.00     |
| Gilpatric, William      | 9.00     |
| Godville, Gerard        | 65.00    |
| Greenwood, David        | 595.00   |
| Harmon, Hobart          | 6.00     |
| Harmon, Peter           | 286.00   |
| Hoyt, Edward            | 78.00    |
| Kelly Toomey Wentworth  | 32.00    |
| Kepplemen, Christopher  | 261.00   |
| Kramer, Gladys          | 68.00    |
| MacKay, Louise          | 15.00    |
| Maloney, Gerald         | 26.00    |
| Maloney, Steven         | 21.00    |
| Manganello, Paul        | 32.00    |
| Maranda, Francis        | 42.00    |
| McIver, Donald          | 10.00    |
| McLane, P. Andrew       | 162.00   |
| Mitchell, Kristina      | 300.00   |
| Murphy, Terence         | 148.00   |
| Ockenga, Aldryth        | 8.00     |
| Ockenga, John           | 274.00   |
| Ockenga, John, Jr.      | 112.00   |
| Olszak, Donna           | 25.00    |
| Paradis, Paul           | 37.00    |
| Petraszewski, Margaret  | 5.00     |
| Ramsey, Rod             | 476.00   |
| Reichman, Robin         | 23.00    |
| Robidoux, Barbara       | 31.00    |

## 2002 Property Tax Rebates

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Rooke, Robert C.     | 102.00 |
| Rowe, Dianne         | 6.00   |
| Schofield, Phyllis   | 6.00   |
| Short, Fred          | 9.00   |
| Short, Robert        | 9.00   |
| Stadtherr, Ann       | 114.00 |
| Strodel, Robert      | 139.95 |
| Swanson, Steve       | 52.00  |
| Thompson E. Wayne    | 17.00  |
| Torsey, Paul         | 335.00 |
| Towne, Beatrice      | 6.00   |
| Townsend, Trust      | 14.00  |
| Townsend, Peter      | 212.00 |
| Vautier, Brenda      | 272.00 |
| Wagner, III Nicholas | 78.00  |
| Webber, Robert       | 9.00   |
| Weir, William        | 69.00  |
| Williams, Burton     | 114.00 |
| Wilson, Jr. A.O.     | 577.00 |
| Ziegenhals, Walter   | 164.00 |

**Bridgewater Police Department  
2002 Report**

Your police department was busy during 2002 responding to a total of 458 calls for service (which does not include motor vehicle warnings or summonses). These have been the traditional style police calls for service as well as medical and fire calls. As has been the plan over the past few years, the police department has been evolving slowly to become more public safety oriented. We are at this time actively responding to all fire and medical aid calls that we are able to. Due to the training we have received, we are able to take a more active role helping out people in Bridgewater by working at fire scenes and giving patient care at medical calls. You will see us more often “wearing different hats” and responding in either a fire truck or ambulance when you call for someone to help. This role has helped the town to realize the best service available from all of it’s employees and wouldn’t have been possible without the close cooperation and efforts between all department heads. It has been a great experience working with Fire Chief Denton and Road Agent Gilpatric to help further the Town on in these endeavors.

Officer Gickas and Officer Faran have been invaluable to your emergency services departments. Officer Gickas is also a Lieutenant on the Fire Department and Officer Faran is also a Captain with the Fire Department. Their dual roles with the Police, Fire and EMS Departments are crucial to the public safety concept and my thanks goes out to them for their efforts.

Although the police department has been active and responding to your calls for service, there are still times when the New Hampshire State Police may come into town to handle calls. This has been much less frequent during 2002 due to our efforts to have an officer on-call and available most of the time. We will continue to do our best to have a local officer available when needed. Regardless, a local officer or state police officer is always available to respond to your emergency calls 24 hours a day by dialing 911. All other police service calls should still be called into our regular police telephone number of 744-6745.

We are still having trouble with vehicles traveling too fast on Whittemore Point, Dick Brown Road and River Road. We will be targeting these specific areas with radar enforcement during 2003 to try to bring down the speeds. I ask that you please use care in how you travel and to report vehicles speeding or operating recklessly to us.

I would like to remind everyone, as Fire Chief Denton is, that marking your houses with visible street numbers is very important. There have been a few times this year where emergency services have been hampered by not being able to find the right house quickly. Even though you may feel that everyone knows where you live, we may have new personnel that aren’t familiar yet with your name and location. So, please, mark your houses and/or driveways with street numbers so we can find you easily!

I wish you all a healthy and safe 2003 and please, don’t hesitate to talk to me or one of the other officers if you have any questions, problems or concerns.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Seldon (Don) Nason  
Police Chief**

## Bridgewater Fire-Rescue-EMS Department

The year 2002 ushered in the planned stage of delivering Emergency Medical Service by our Department to the citizens and guests on our Town. Under the close scrutiny of Captain George Faran and myself this expanded service has proceeded very smoothly. Initially, it involved our medical service personnel responding to calls with their own vehicles in concert with the responding ambulances. After we put our ambulance in service mid-way through the year, they responded with this vehicle and it's complement of medical supplies and equipment. During the course of the year they made over 60 runs for all types of medically necessary calls. I have been very satisfied with, and proud of, the individuals who have committed themselves to the establishment of this new service. Their dedication shows in their willingness to spend time training, learning and doing whatever is necessary to get this important job done. We should all appreciate their willing spirit.

On the fire side of our Department, we spent the year responding to a normal number of calls of various types. Due to the dryness of the summer, we participated in several difficult, long term forest fires in neighboring Towns. We were fortunate to not have any major forest fires in Bridgewater. I will take this opportunity to remind everyone that "burn" barrels were outlawed by State statute on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2003. No resident property owner or tenant can legally burn any trash or other household refuse. We are obligated to enforce this law and intend to do so.

We also ask for your support of the warrant article that seeks funding to add space to the fire station. The building currently houses five fire apparatus, one ambulance and all of our equipment. To say we are cramped is an understatement. This structure, originally built in the 1960's has served well, but, the Department in it's current configuration has outgrown the facility. We also believe it is essential to combine Police quarters in this building since we work very closely together in our Public Safety format. Anyone interested in seeing our current space concerns can contact any fireman or police officer for a visit to the station. I believe you would be convinced of the need for this new space.

Lastly, I would encourage everyone to properly identify their property by attaching 911 numbering to their dwelling. This marking is essential to arriving emergency service vehicles particularly since some are from neighboring Towns. Your numbers should be visible from the road, large enough to be seen and colored so that they can be distinguished from the background upon which they are mounted. If your property is not visible from the road, a number should be displayed at the entrance to your driveway. Remember, by cooperating in this manner you are helping us find you should an emergency need arise. Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew S. Denton, Fire Chief

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org) or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 10, 2002)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

|              | <u># of Fires</u> | <u>Acres</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Belknap      | 52                | 13.5         |
| Carroll      | 80                | 10.5         |
| Cheshire     | 39                | 17           |
| Coos         | 3                 | 2.5          |
| Grafton      | 53                | 21           |
| Hillsborough | 108               | 54.5         |
| Merrimack    | 94                | 13.5         |
| Rockingham   | 60                | 25.5         |
| Strafford    | 31                | 23           |
| Sullivan     | 20                | 6            |

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Arson/Suspicious   | 43  |
| Campfire           | 31  |
| Children           | 32  |
| Smoking            | 32  |
| Rekindle of Permit | 3   |
| Illegal            | 7   |
| Lightning          | 36  |
| Misc *             | 356 |

(\*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment.)

|      | <u>Total Fires</u> | <u>Total Acres</u> |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2002 | 540                | 187                |
| 2001 | 942                | 428                |
| 2000 | 516                | 149                |



**TAPPLY-THOMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
2002 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER**

The Staff of the TTCC wishes everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year.

2002 was an exciting year at the TTCC. The steeple on the building was refurbished with funds from the Bristol Federated Church. We no longer have water leaking into the building from the steeple and it looks beautiful.

The Center was pleased to have two student interns from Plymouth State College with us during the year. They did a great job working with us in our After School Open House Program and introduced some new activities as well.

Many new programs were added during the year. We started a Field Hockey Program for boys & girls; added a Pick-Up Basketball Program at the BHVS during the summer months and expanded the size of our Summer Programs.

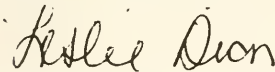
We want to thank the Newfound Area School District for their continued support of the TTCC and its programs. We hold many of our programs and practices at the local schools to accommodate our growing numbers. During basketball season you will find our program in the Bristol Elementary School, Newfound Memorial Middle School and at the Bridgewater Hebron Village School. We are grateful for their appreciation of the importance of Recreation in the Newfound Area.

The Center still offers many adult programs as well such as Volleyball, Basketball, Karate, Aerobics, Dance classes, Badminton, Scrapbooking, and Senior Lunches. If there is a program you would like to see offered please contact the office at 744-2713 and we will see what we can do. If you would like to teach a class or skill let us know.

Sadly, the Community Center lost its Assistant Director, Chris Pike. Chris has taken a job closer to his home in Weare as a teacher for a High School Alternative Education Program. We wish him well and thank him for his years with the Center. He will be greatly missed.

In closing, the TTCC wishes to thank the many Bridgewater volunteers that have donated their time and energies by working in our sports leagues, helping with our Haunted Hayride, Santa's Village (we had over 1,000 visitors this year) and our numerous other fundraising and youth activities. Thank you all!! We couldn't do it without you.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Dion, Director of Recreation

## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2002**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2002, 58 older residents of Bridgewater were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or Bristol Area Senior Services:

- Older adults from Bridgewater enjoyed 453 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining room.
- They received 1,233 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 286 visits by a trained social worker.
- Bridgewater residents were transported to health care and other community resources on 95 occasions.
- Bridgewater's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 96 hours of volunteer service. The cost to provide Council services for Bridgewater residents in 2002 was \$15,961.00.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Bridgewater's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin, Executive Director

A United Way Agency providing services to older adults in Grafton County

## BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Books on Hand December 31, 2002

|                     |           |      |
|---------------------|-----------|------|
| Adult Fiction       | 1103      |      |
| Adult Nonfiction    | 550       |      |
| Large Print         | 137       |      |
| Westerns            | 111       |      |
| Mysteries           | 300       |      |
| Juvenile Fiction    | 50        |      |
| Juvenile Nonfiction | 170       |      |
| Easy Readers        | <u>30</u> | 2451 |

## Books Loaned

|          |          |     |
|----------|----------|-----|
| Adult    | 203      |     |
| Juvenile | <u>8</u> | 211 |

## Magazine subscriptions

|         |          |   |
|---------|----------|---|
| Donated | <u>2</u> | 2 |
|---------|----------|---|

For the Library Trustees,

Marilyn Raymond, Librarian

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

|   |              |                 |            |
|---|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| Balance December 31, 2001   |              | \$567.79        |            |
| <u>Receipts</u>   |              |                 |            |
| Interest earned (checking account)  | 1.12         |                 |            |
| Check from Town   | 635.00       |                 |            |
| Book sales (discards)   | <u>87.50</u> |                 |            |
|   |              | \$ 723.62       |            |
|   |              |                 | \$1,291.41 |
| <u>Payments</u>   |              |                 |            |
| Salaries  |              |                 |            |
| Marilyn Raymond   | 350.00       |                 |            |
| Alice Donovan   | 39.00        |                 |            |
| Books   |              |                 |            |
|   | 20.24        |                 |            |
| Postage (for free books)  |              |                 |            |
|   | 31.50        |                 |            |
| Bush for Library garden   |              |                 |            |
|   | 35.99        |                 |            |
| Gardener (for bush)   |              |                 |            |
|   | 68.99        |                 |            |
| Handyman (outside work)   |              |                 |            |
|   | 42.00        |                 |            |
| Miscellaneous (cleaning inside, candy, Bathroom supplies, etc.) (\$79.25, less petty cash for 2002) |              |                 |            |
|   | 29.25        |                 |            |
| Petty cash for 2003   |              |                 |            |
|   | 50.00        |                 |            |
|   |              | <u>\$666.97</u> |            |
| Balance December 31, 2002   |              |                 | \$ 624.44  |
| Emergency Fund: CD & Money Market at current value  |              |                 | \$2,991.35 |

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline E. Havens, Treasurer

State of New Hampshire  
Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics  
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT  
01/01/2002 - 12/31/2002  
--BRIDGEWATER--

| SFN        | Child's Name             | Date of Birth | Place of Birth | Father's Name      | Mother's Name      |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2002009535 | DIAMOND, ABBIGAIL EILEEN | 09/05/2002    | LANCASTER, NH  | DIAMOND, ZACHARY   | DIAMOND, TAWNI     |
| 2002009751 | SWANSON, CALE ROBERT     | 09/09/2002    | LACONIA, NH    | SWANSON, MARK      | SWANSON, JANNA     |
| 2002009877 | MCALLISTER, LEVI WINSLOW | 09/11/2002    | PLYMOUTH, NH   | MCALLISTER, DON    | MCALLISTER, AMY    |
| 2002010100 | KNEELAND, JACOB CALVIN   | 09/15/2002    | LACONIA, NH    | KNEELAND, JAMES    | KNEELAND, SANTANNA |
| 2002011879 | VACHON, BAILEY BROOKS    | 11/03/2002    | PLYMOUTH, NH   | VACHON, STEPHEN    | VACHON, KRISTEN    |
| 2002012557 | SMOLENSKI, ADRIA GRACE   | 11/19/2002    | LACONIA, NH    | SMOLENSKI, RICHARD | SMOLENSKI, ALISON  |
| 2002013424 | TUCKER, EMMA RYLEE       | 12/19/2002    | LACONIA, NH    | TUCKER, DANIEL     | TUCKER, JENNIFER   |

State of New Hampshire  
Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics  
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT  
01/01/2002 - 12/31/2002

--BRIDGEWATER--

| SFN        | Groom's Name       | Groom's Residence | Bride's Name            | Bride's Residence | Town of Issuance | Place of Marriage | Date of Marriage |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2002004061 | CLOTHIER, JOHN M.  | WONALANCET, NH    | MICHAELIDES, KRISTEN V. | BRIDGEWATER, NH   | HOLDERNESS       | CENTER SANDWICH   | 07/06/2002       |
| 2002007772 | TORSEY, TERRY L.   | BRIDGEWATER, NH   | EDMANDS, WHATLEIGH W.   | BRIDGEWATER, NH   | BRIDGEWATER      | BRIDGEWATER       | 09/21/2002       |
| 2002007501 | MAINERI, JOSHUA F. | BRIDGEWATER, NH   | PERKINS, HOPE A.        | BRIDGEWATER, NH   | BRISTOL          | NEW HAMPTON       | 09/21/2002       |

State of New Hampshire  
Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics  
RESIDENT DEATH REPORT  
01/01/2002 - 12/31/2002  
--BRIDGEWATER--

| SFN        | Decedent's Name     | Date of Death | Place of Death  | Father's Name   | Mother's Maiden Name |
|------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 2002000895 | AYRES, CHARLOTTE D. | 02/01/2002    | BRIDGEWATER, NH | HAMMER, CHARLES | SHAPLEIGH, MARIAN    |
| 2002003564 | FISHER, THOMAS L.   | 05/02/2002    | CONCORD, NH     | FISHER, THOMAS  | VOSE, MARGARET       |
| 2002006348 | BROWN, JOAN B.      | 08/23/2002    | FRANKLIN, NH    | KOZAK, ANDREW   | BROUDEN, FLORENCE    |
| 2002006929 | GRAY, ROBERT C.     | 09/06/2002    | BRIDGEWATER, NH | GRAY, RICHARD   | ROONEY, MARTHA       |

2002 Tax Rates

| Town           | Tax Rate | Town            | Tax Rate | Town          | Tax Rate | Town             | Tax Rate |
|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Acworth        | 26.36    | Dummer          | 27.06    | Langdon       | 29.69    | Portsmouth       | 19.27    |
| Albany (P)     | 26.56    | Dunbarton       | 24.78    | Lebanon       | 22.77    | Randolph         | 19.13    |
| Alexandria     | 19.36    | Durham          | 41.48    | Lee           | 32.31    | Raymond          | 27.81    |
| Allentown      | 24.06    | Eaton           | 18.54    | Lempster      | 32.82    | Richmond         | 26.64    |
| Alstead        | 36.98    | East Kingston   | 33.80    | Lincoln       | 19.88    | Rindge           | 28.87    |
| Alton          | 15.66    | Easton          | 17.50    | Lisbon        | 29.99    | Rochester        | 20.43    |
| Amherst        | 20.62    | Effingham       | 22.25    | Litchfield    | 24.83    | Rollinsford (P)  | 24.66    |
| Andover (P)    | 19.64    | Ellsworth       | 21.97    | Littleton (P) | 27.00    | Roxbury          | 18.50    |
| Antrim         | 23.49    | Enfield (P)     | 27.87    | Londonderry   | 20.88    | Rumney           | 19.96    |
| Ashland        | 40.05    | Epping          | 30.26    | Loudon (P)    | 24.80    | Rye              | 14.34    |
| Atkinson       | 23.36    | Epsom (P)       | 27.94    | Lyman         | 25.28    | Salem            | 19.68    |
| Auburn         | 24.37    | Errol           | 14.20    | Lyme          | 23.79    | Salisbury        | 27.19    |
| Barnstead      | 20.60    | Exeter          | 20.82    | Lyndeboro     | 48.19    | Sanbornton       | 25.81    |
| Barrington (P) | 23.57    | Farmington      | 33.66    | Madbury (P)   | 22.12    | Sandown          | 22.77    |
| Bartlett (P)   | 11.70    | Fitzwilliam (P) | 24.48    | Madison (P)   | 16.62    | Sandwich         | 16.83    |
| Bath           | 19.97    | Francestown     | 32.00    | Manchester    | 25.68    | Seabrook (P)     | 13.01    |
| Bedford        | 19.56    | Franconia       | 26.30    | Marlborough   | 31.95    | Sharon           | 28.07    |
| Belmont (P)    | 29.98    | Franklin        | 24.70    | Marlow        | 31.50    | Shelburne        | 18.15    |
| Bennington     | 25.70    | Freedom (P)     | 13.00    | Mason         | 35.03    | Somersworth      | 22.65    |
| Benton         | 12.35    | Fremont         | 25.59    | Meredith      | 17.47    | South Hampton    | 14.82    |
| Berlin         | 44.42    | Gifford (P)     | 18.95    | Merrimack (P) | 18.51    | Springfield (P)  | 24.31    |
| Bethlehem (P)  | 31.30    | Gilmanton (P)   | 29.45    | Middleton (P) | 24.43    | Stark            | 21.85    |
| Boscawen (P)   | 35.08    | Gilsum          | 32.85    | Milan         | 22.65    | Stewartstown (P) | 19.80    |
| Bow            | 23.15    | Goffstown (P)   | 32.92    | Milford (P)   | 29.48    | Stoddard (P)     | 16.26    |
| Bradford       | 22.77    | Gorham          | 31.18    | Milton (P)    | 26.26    | Strafford        | 32.72    |
| Brentwood      | 19.65    | Goshen          | 33.39    | Monroe        | 22.90    | Stratford        | 26.37    |



|                   |       |                  |       |                   |       |                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Bridgewater (P)   | 10.32 | Grafton          | 28.64 | Mont Vernon       | 27.90 | Stratham          | 27.95 |
| Bristol           | 20.65 | Granham (P)      | 21.00 | Moultonborough(P) | 12.11 | Sugar Hill        | 24.39 |
| Brookfield        | 20.99 | Greenfield       | 23.47 | Nashua            | 23.60 | Sullivan          | 35.93 |
| Brookline         | 29.32 | Greenland        | 14.80 | Nelson (P)        | 21.28 | Sunapee           | 24.51 |
| Campton (P)       | 28.96 | Greenville (P)   | 52.54 | New Boston        | 24.75 | Surry             | 22.99 |
| Canaan            | 25.22 | Groton           | 20.63 | New Castle        | 9.56  | Sutton            | 25.02 |
| Candia            | 22.72 | Hampstead        | 26.75 | New Durham (P)    | 28.98 | Swansey (P)       | 36.41 |
| Canterbury        | 31.17 | Hampton (P)      | 25.14 | New Hampton (P)   | 22.33 | Tamworth          | 25.50 |
| Carroll           | 27.19 | Hampton Falls    | 20.65 | New Ipswich       | 22.29 | Temple            | 29.60 |
| Center Harbor(P)  | 17.88 | Hancock          | 26.74 | New London (P)    | 15.47 | Thornton (P)      | 19.98 |
| Charlestown       | 34.01 | Hanover (P)      | 25.45 | Newbury           | 21.17 | Tilton (P)        | 23.77 |
| Chatham           | 13.05 | Harrisville      | 24.08 | Newfields (P)     | 27.38 | Troy              | 39.23 |
| Chester           | 28.13 | Hart's Location  | 14.94 | Newington         | 13.34 | Tuftsboro (P)     | 14.24 |
| Chesterfield (P)  | 26.37 | Haverhill (P)    | 26.40 | Newmarket         | 24.20 | Unity             | 23.95 |
| Chichester        | 32.99 | Hebron (P)       | 10.58 | Newport           | 32.49 | Wakefield (P)     | 18.47 |
| Claremont         | 36.70 | Henniker         | 43.60 | Newton            | 29.35 | Walpole (P)       | 25.88 |
| Clarksville       | 25.34 | Hill             | 23.84 | North Hampton (P) | 21.67 | Warner (P)        | 33.29 |
| Colebrook (P)     | 37.00 | Hillsborough (P) | 34.50 | Northfield (P)    | 34.77 | Warren (P)        | 23.67 |
| Columbia          | 18.48 | Hinsdale         | 31.37 | Northumberland(P) | 26.05 | Washington (P)    | 26.30 |
| Concord (Union)P  | 26.40 | Holderness       | 24.33 | Northwood (P)     | 33.67 | Waterville Valley | 16.99 |
| Concord (MerVal)P | 29.15 | Hollis           | 17.87 | Nottingham        | 25.80 | Weare             | 26.28 |
| Conway (P)        | 20.98 | Hooksett (P)     | 25.20 | Orange            | 27.21 | Webster (P)       | 25.38 |
| Cornish           | 26.79 | Hopkinton (P)    | 27.59 | Orford            | 35.17 | Wentworth         | 24.52 |
| Croydon           | 22.25 | Hudson           | 17.45 | Ossipee (P)       | 24.07 | Westmoreland      | 23.89 |
| Dalton            | 28.46 | Jackson (P)      | 16.03 | Pelham            | 25.85 | Whitefield        | 30.90 |
| Danbury           | 22.84 | Jaffrey          | 36.61 | Pembroke          | 40.32 | Wilmot            | 23.21 |
| Danville          | 36.32 | Jefferson        | 23.12 | Peterborough      | 33.40 | Wilton            | 49.00 |
| Deerfield         | 26.12 | Keene            | 32.05 | Piermont          | 22.99 | Winchester        | 36.13 |
| Deering           | 37.24 | Kensington       | 23.74 | Pittsburg         | 22.80 | Windham (P)       | 18.15 |
| Derry (P)         | 25.95 | Kingson          | 26.50 | Pittsfield        | 27.98 | Windsor           | 16.07 |
| Dorchester        | 30.05 | Laconia          | 19.74 | Plainfield (P)    | 38.49 | Wolfeboro         | 15.99 |
| Dover             | 20.86 | Lancaster        | 33.16 | Plaistow          | 20.58 | Woodstock         | 18.18 |
| Dublin            | 27.04 | Landaff          | 16.50 | Plymouth (P)      | 41.30 |                   |       |

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## TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER TELEPHONE NUMBERS

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| TO REPORT A FIRE .....                                 | 911            |
| MEDICAL AMBULANCE DISPATCH .....                       | 911            |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT .....                                | 911            |
| Police – Business & Non-emergencies .....              | 744-6745       |
| Fire Department – Business .....                       | 744-6047       |
| Highway Department .....                               | 744-6039       |
| New Hampshire State Police .....                       | 1-800-525-5555 |
| Poison Information Center .....                        | 1-800-562-8236 |
| Town Hall, Route 3A .....                              | 744-5055       |
| Business Hours:  |                |
| Tuesday: 1 P.M.–4 P.M.                                 |                |
| Thursday: 9 A.M.–12 Noon                               |                |
| Except holidays & vacations                            |                |
| Selectmen’s Office .....                               | 744-5055       |
| Selectmen’s Meeting – Town Hall, Route 3A              |                |
| Every Thursday evening except holidays, 8 P.M.–10 P.M. |                |
| Town Clerk’s Office .....                              | 968-7911       |
| 1062 River Road School House                           |                |
| Every Tuesday & Wednesday evening, 6 P.M.–8:30 P.M.    |                |
| 3rd Saturday of month, 8:30 A.M.–10 A.M.               |                |
| Except holidays & vacations                            |                |
| Tax Collector – call Kathy Vestal .....                | 744-9670       |
| Reasonable hours except holidays & vacations           |                |
| Planning Board – call Mike Capsalis .....              | 744-5055       |
| Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 7:30 P.M.                  |                |
| Board of Adjustment – Call Selectmen .....             | 744-5055       |
| Meets on request                                       |                |
| <b><i>Building? Adding on?</i></b>                     |                |
| File an application with building inspector .....      | 744-5055       |
| Fire Warden – Lawrence Gilpatric .....                 | 744-8681       |